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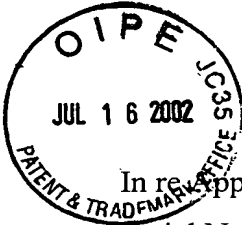
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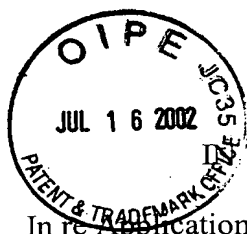
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In response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2002, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments thereto and the remarks set forth below.